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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Mardine "Deenie" McReynolds; and

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WHEREAS, Mardine McReynolds was born in East Chicago
5 Heights (Ford Heights) on March 23, 1947 to Marshall Berry and
6 Odessa McReynolds; she attended Bloom Township High School in
7 Chicago Heights and graduated from Northern Illinois
8 University with a bachelor's degree in education; and

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WHEREAS, Mardine McReynolds began her teaching career at
10 Eisenhower High School in Blue Island; she worked at the
11 University of Chicago, taught continuing education at South
12 Suburban College, and then joined the staff of the American
13 College of Surgeons as a Human Resource Specialist, remaining
14 there for many years; she then returned to education as a music
15 teacher at the Chicago International Charter School (CICS) in
16 Chicago; after retiring from CICS, she returned as a volunteer
17 tutor at the Pershing School in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mardine McReynolds came to Portland Street Church
19 of God in Christ (now Goodwin Memorial Cathedral) at the age of
20 14 months with her mother and remained there for more than 50
21 years; she served principally in the Sunday School Department,
22 starting out as a Sunday School teacher and then serving as

1 Junior Sunday School Superintendent; she worked in the field
2 with other ministries to help them grow and build, including
3 Robinson Memorial A.M.E., New Original Church of God in Christ,
4 South Shore Community Church, and many more; she played the
5 piano and had a beautiful singing voice; she sang throughout
6 her school years and was a member of the Kennedy-King College
7 Community Chorus, the Chicago Community Chorus, the National
8 A.M.E. Conference Choir, and many other choirs and singing
9 groups; she was a frequent soloist at churches and weddings and
10 was well-known for her beautiful rendition of "The Lord's
11 Prayer"; and

12 WHEREAS, Mardine McReynolds was preceded in death by her
13 father, Marshall, and her nephew, Larry; and

14 WHEREAS, Mardine McReynolds is survived by her mother,
15 Odessa; her 3 brothers, Marshall, James (LaQuetia), and Myron
16 (Nancy); her 2 sisters, Janis and Bettie; her 4 nephews,
17 Terence, Marquis, Jonathan, and Chaz; her 5 nieces, Marcya,
18 Dina, Sydney, Caroline, and Julia; her 8 great-nieces and
19 nephews; her sister-in-law, Esther; and several cousins,
20 including Betty Jo Taylor and Ava Stewart; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Mardine "Deenie" McReynolds, and extend our sincere

1 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
2 her; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Mardine McReynolds as an expression
5 of our deepest sympathy.